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SUBJECT: MOCHTAR ON LAW OF THE SEA

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1. JUSTICE MINISTER (AND CHIEF LOS DELEGATE) MOCHTAR, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK, WAS QUOTED IN PRESS AS MAKING FOLLOWING COMMENTS RE LOS MATTERS AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO APRIL 7.

2. ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT: IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST ONE MORE
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CONFERENCE SESSION TO OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE OF ARCHIPELAGO

CONCEPT. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN REACHING GOAL AND MOST COUNTRIES ARE OFFERING SUPPORT. WHILE THERE STILL SOME "SMALL PROBLEMS" FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES IN ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES WITH ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT, THEY WILL NOT "QUESTION IT" AT NEW YORK, AND HAVE AGREED TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES OUTSIDE OF CONFERENCE. MARITIME POWERS SUCH AS US AND USSR ARE "FOR THE MOMENT" (SEMENTARA) RAISING AS CONDITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CONCEPT UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF WARSHIPS. JAPAN WANTS IT FISHING VESSELS TO BE ABLE TO TRANSIT FROM PACIFIC TO INDIAN OCEAN, AND "WE CANNOT APRIORI BRAND EVERY TRANSITTING FISHING VESSEL AS INTENDING TO ROB US."

3. TIMOR: MOCHTAR HAD FEARED TIMOR WOULD AFFECT NEGOTIATIONS AT NEW YORK MEETING. THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE.

4. SHOWA MARU: INDONESIA HAS MADE CLAIM OF \$13.5 MILLION AGAINST OWNERS OF SHOWA MARU FOR POLLUTION CAUSED BY 1974 ACCIDENT IN MALACCA STRAIT. HE MADE NO MENTION OF REPORTED POLLUTION LAW (REFTEL). (NOTE: PRESS APRIL 8 REPORTED 200,000-TON OIL TANKER MAY SELLA, CARRYING BRITISH FLAG, HAD RUN AGROUND SIX MILES SOUTH OF JOHN ISLAND IN MALACCA STRAIT. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER SALIM COMMENTED THIS NEW ACCIDENT REINFORCED AGRUMENT FOR LIMITING PASSAGE OF LARGE TANKERS.)

5. MAOCHTAR'S PLANS. MOCHTAR WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK APRIL 22. NEWSOM

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